



DELRIDGE PLAYFIELD IMPROVEMENTS
2008 Parks and Green Spaces Levy
Meeting Notes
November 23, 2009

This is the second of two public meetings. Ted recapped the scope, budget and schedule of this project. (See attached Project Overview). Construction is scheduled to start in late-May /early-June 2010 and will be completed in the fall 2010. The renovation will have two striped soccer fields, one softball field, one baseball field, one woman's lacrosse field overlaying the north soccer field, one men's lacrosse field overlaying the south soccer field, two striped Ultimate fields overlaying the south soccer field, and one smaller Ultimate field demarcated with 'cone dots' overlaying the north soccer field. The ADA accessibility to the north will be maintained and ADA access to the south will be added from the south parking lot. The backstops, field drainage, drinking fountain, lights will be replaced and artificial turf will be installed. The turf is lead free. A chain-link protection fence shall be installed along the west end of the north soccer field to keep balls from entering the forested steep slope to the west. Markers will be added along the loop sidewalk surrounding the field to help walkers with their distances. The existing field lighting was installed in 1960 with total of 122 fixtures on 15 poles ranging from 70' to 80' high. It will be replaced by 50 fixtures on 12 poles. The new poles will be no higher than the existing. The new lights will be more energy efficient, the glare factor shall be improved, and spill light into the surrounding neighborhood greatly reduced. Loyal Heights and Lower Woodland fields are recent projects using similar technology.

Design revisions addressed questions from last meeting

- Q. Can you move two Ultimate fields down and right to only overlapping with one soccer field to maximize play and use of area?
- A. Two Ultimate fields were moved down to only overlap the south soccer field.
- Q. Why no lacrosse?
- A. A striped Woman's lacrosse field will be provided on the north soccer field. A striped Men's lacrosse field will be provided on the south soccer field.
- Q. What are line colors for different fields?
- A. White lines for soccer; Yellow lines for Men's Lacrosse; Red lines for Woman's Lacrosse; light blue for Ultimate.
- Q. For safety concern, would you consider safety barriers at south and to the west of the soccer field (bollards / rock /fence)?

- A. We will provide chain-link fence behind soccer goal to the west of the north soccer field to prevent balls going down the steep forested slope to the west, approx. 10' to 15' tall in the central 50 LF. For the south edge, since there is existing safety guardrail with generous space between the field and street, we will not provide additional safety barrier.
- Q. Can you provide distance marker along the path?
- A. Yes. We will provide distance markers along the loop trail around the playfield or provide distance diagram sign. The distance of one loop is approx. 1,900'.

Additional questions and concerns that came up during the meeting:

- Q. Softball and baseball mounds? – fixed.
- A. The baseball field will have a permanent mound as it is not in the field of play for any other sport and required for baseball play. Parks is proposing a mound with a synthetic surface similar to the one installed at Loyal Heights. This requires that no metal cleats are used. The Softball field has no mound.
- Q. Any reasoning for putting men's lacrosse in south soccer field and woman's lacrosse in north?
- A. The difference of power between men and woman. The south field has more room at each end.
- Q. Why reduce the synthetic turf area at south west area? We want to maximize the use for other potential field use and practice. Can you add the south west synthetic turf area back? Can you avoid the angle layout since it's not useful for field use purpose?
- A. We will add the synthetic turf at the southwest area back to allow for the flexibility of any potential field uses.
- Q. Can you add another Ultimate field on the north soccer field?
- A. Yes. We will provide reference dots for the Ultimate field layout on the north soccer field since it's already busy with soccer and woman's lacrosse. However, the ultimate field will be smaller as necessitated by the available width of the field at this end.
- Q. Will you keep the existing concrete curb for the edge of synthetic turf? How about light poles.
- A. No, we shall be installing a new concrete containment curb around the synthetic surface. The light poles will be all new.
- Q. How much is the spill light going to be reduced?
- A. The lighting system is designed so spill light will be reduced to one foot candle at the property line of the site.